

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/593,383 Confirmation No. 7404  
Applicant : DAWSON, Elliott P. et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2009, Applicant submits the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this communication.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this communication.